



# A Guide to...

# MUSIC AND THEATRE IN THE PARKS

## Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation offers musical experiences for all tastes and pleasures. Whether it is band concerts, dance or choral performances or plays or musicals, we have it all.

Our summer program begins in late May and performances continue until the day before Labor Day. All performances are free except for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening theater style musicals at Como Lakeside Pavilion in July and August.

For more information or to add your name to our mailing list to receive a complete schedule of performances, call (651)266-6400. Or, from April through August, you may visit our web site at [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/depts/parks](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/depts/parks).

## Como Lakeside Pavilion

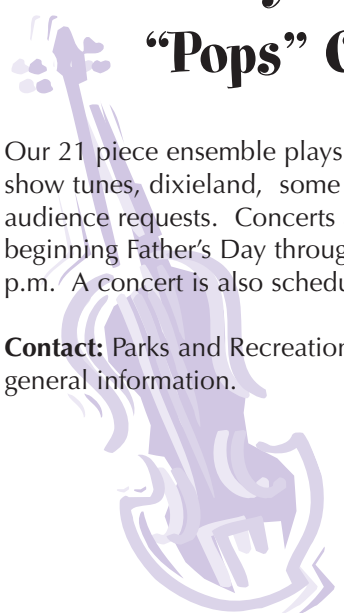
The Como Lakeside Pavilion is located in Como Regional Park at 1360 N. Lexington Parkway. All performances are held on the Promenade Deck, a covered open air bandshell that seats up to eight hundred guests on park benches. Food service is operated by Black Bear Crossings on the Lake at (651)488-4920.

### Evening Performance Series

A variety of community orchestras and bands, choral and dance performances are offered on Sunday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings during May and June.

**Contact:** Parks and Recreation at (651)266-6400 for general information.

### Sunday Afternoon “Pops” Concerts



Our 21 piece ensemble plays a variety of popular music, show tunes, dixieland, some classics and of course our audience requests. Concerts are held every Sunday beginning Father's Day through the end of August at 3:00 p.m. A concert is also scheduled on July 4th at 3 p.m.

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### Musicals and Variety Shows

Three theater companies do musicals and variety shows each summer season. All shows are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings beginning in late June through Labor Day Weekend. All seats for all shows are:

\$5.00 for adults

\$3.00 children 12 & under

All seats are general admission. All performances begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Como Lakeside Community Theater** company does a popular Broadway show each summer, during the four weekends in July.

**Contact:** Max Metzger at (651)224-2485 for advance ticket purchase information.

**Como Park Productions** does an originally written theme variety show each summer during the weekend before Labor Day and Labor Day weekend.

**Contact:** Como Park Community Education at (651)293-8811 for advance ticket or show information.

**Hillcrest Community Theater** does a youth oriented Broadway musical production each season, during the first two weekends of August.

**Contact:** Hillcrest Community Recreation Center at (651)695-3706 for production and ticket information.

## Phalen Amphitheater

Phalen Amphitheater is located in Phalen Regional Park at 1550 Phalen Drive, just north of the picnic pavilion.

### Sunday Afternoon Performances

A variety of music is offered at 1:30 p.m. beginning the third Sunday in June for six weeks.

**Contact:** Parks and Recreation at (651)266-6400 for general information.

### “Thursday Night LIVE!”

This series is produced and co-sponsored by the East Side Arts Council. The four Thursday evening performances are held in July at 7:00 p.m.

**Contact:** East Side Arts Council at (651)774-5422 for general information.

## Rice Park

Rice Park is located downtown St. Paul, at 140 Washington Street, bounded by the Saint Paul Public Library, the Ordway Theater, Landmark Center and the Saint Paul Hotel. A majestic fountain and informal bench and grass seating highlight this beautiful park.

A variety of music including blues, jazz and original compositions at noontime on Mondays (11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.) beginning the first Monday in June for six weeks (excluding week of July 4).

**Contact:** Parks and Recreation at (651)266-6400 for general information.

## Mears Park

Located downtown at 366 E. 6 Street, just east of Galtier Plaza, this park has a covered bandshell, a meandering brook and bench/table seating.

A variety of music including blues, jazz and original compositions is offered at noontime on Tuesdays (11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.) beginning the first Tuesday in June for six weeks (excluding week of July 4).

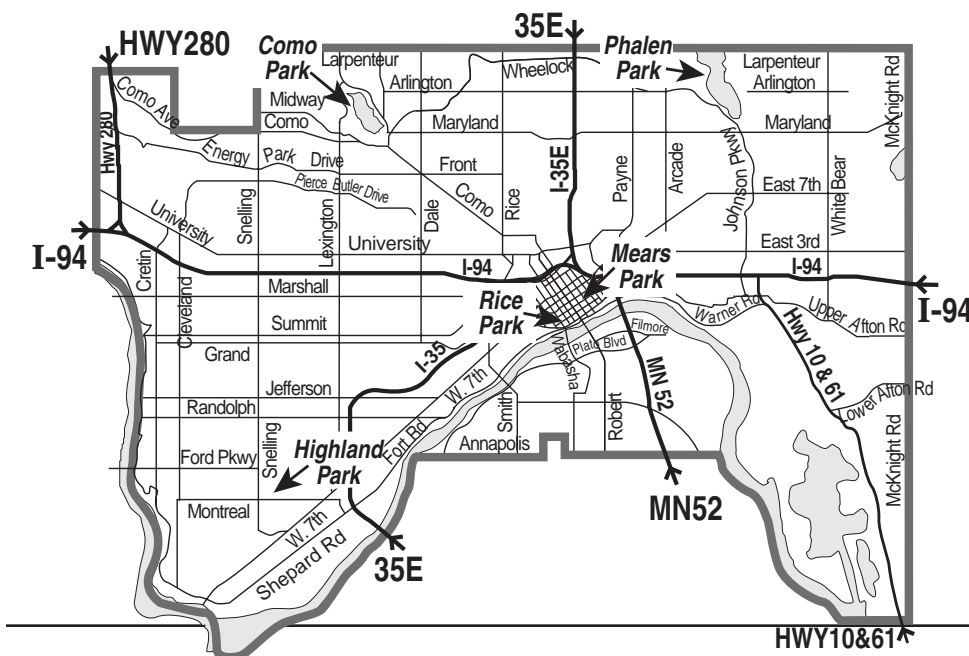
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## Free Theater Performances

### Shakespeare in the Parks

Free single evening performances by the Shakespeare in the Parks Company in July at Como Park and Highland Park.

**Contact:** Shakespeare in the Parks at (612)341-0882 for general information.



- General Parks Information** ..... (651)266-6400
- Como Zoo & Conservatory** ..... (651)487-8200
- Parkwatch** .... (651)646-3535
- Permits** ..... (651)632 - 5111  
1100 N. Hamline Ave.  
at the corner of Jessamine.
- Volunteer Opportunities** ..... (651)266 - 6464
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